

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Complainant,

v.

PUDET SOUND ENERGY

Respondent.

DOCKETS UG-230968

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT
EXHIBIT NO. BR-1

1. The Washington State Attorney General's Office, Public Counsel Unit (Public Counsel) hereby offers the Public Comment Exhibit as Bench Response Number One (Exh. BR-1) for admission into the record of this proceeding.
2. Public Comment Exhibit No. BR-1. This exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, phone calls, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the Puget Sound Energy (PSE or the Company) changes in electrical and natural gas rates. PSE proposed revisions to its Tariff WN U-2 rates under natural gas tariff Schedule 111 in the Docket UG-230968. Throughout the proceeding these comments are submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) or to Public Counsel. Through the submission of this exhibit these comments are entered into the record.
3. Both the Commission and Public Counsel receive public comments through various methods such as e-mail, phone, or physical mail. When consumers call the UTC or Public Counsel for comment, staff members interpret these conversations and at times provide

summations of these interactions. These conversations and/or direct comments are submitted in various forms included as attachments to this filing.¹

4. Please note that in some instances the Commission matrix includes comments such as ****See attachment for Comment* these are included in UTC Attachment 2. It should also be noted that Public Counsel and the Commission may receive comments from the same individual, or individuals submitted more than one comment throughout the course of this proceeding.² All duplicative comments can not be verified with certainty that they are from the same customer or multiple customers with the same name. For this reason, the tally of the comments below lists the duplicative or potentially duplicative comments.

5. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

a. Comments received by WUTC

Opposing the rate increase	17
Supporting the rate increase	2
Duplicate comments	0

b. Comments received by Public Counsel

Opposing the rate increase	1
Supporting the rate increase	0
Duplicate comments	0

6. Public Counsel tallies a total of one (1) unique non-duplicative comment. This comment was not in support of PSE's request. The UTC received a total of nineteen (19) unique non-duplicative comments. With seventeen (17) opposing PSE's GRC request. In total, both the Commission and Public Counsel received zero (0) duplicative comments, and twenty (20) non-

¹ See, UTC Comment Matrix Attachment 1; UTC Written Comment Attachment 2; and PC Written Comment Attachment 3).

² There were no obvious duplicative, potentially duplicative, or multiple comments provided.

duplicative comments. Two (2) comments were in favor of PSE's request and eighteen (18) were not in favor of the request.

DATED this 18th day of October 2024.

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